

REMARKS

By this amendment Applicants amend claims 37-42, 44-49, and 51-56, cancel claims 36, 43, and 50, and add new claims 57-74. Claims 37-42, 44-49, and 51-74 remain pending.

In the January 8, 2008 Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 36, 37, 41-44, 48-51, 55, and 56 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,855,005 to Schuler et al. ("*Schuler*"); and objected to claims 38-40, 45-47, and 52-54 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but otherwise allowable. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 36, 37, 41-44, 48-51, 55, and 56 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Schuler*. However, to expedite prosecution, Applicants amend claims 38-40, 45-47, and 52-54 by rewriting them in independent form incorporating the subject matter indicated by the Examiner as being allowable. Accordingly, independent claims 38-40, 45-47, and 52-54 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 37, 39-42, 44, 46-49, 51, and 53-74 depend from one of allowable claims 38-40, 45-47, and 52-54, and therefore, are in condition for allowance at least due to their dependence.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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